

Arguments/ Remarks

I. Status

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 9-19 have been withdrawn in light of the Requirement for Restriction discussed below. Accordingly, claims 1-8 are presently pending and under Examination.

II. The Requirement for Restriction

The Examiner has advised that the presently claimed invention comprises multiple independent or distinct inventions, and has accordingly issued a Requirement for Restriction of the claims as follows:

- Group I** Claims 1-8, drawn to a method of depositing chitosan on a surface; and
- Group II** Claims 9-19, drawn to a material comprising chitosan deposited on a surface.

Applicants herewith elect to prosecute in this application the invention of **Group I** (claims 1-8). Accordingly, all other claims have been withdrawn.

III. Concluding Remarks

Applicants submit that the present response is complete and complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §121. The Application is believed to be in condition for Examination and early notice of favorable action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions regarding the subject invention or its patentability, Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact the undersigned to answer such questions or provide any desired additional information.

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